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SECURITY INFORMATION

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Soviet Troops Returning to Weissenfels

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1. On 18 October 1953, the Infanterie Kaserne in Weissenfels was occupied by about 1,200 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. The quartering buildings were brightly lighted at dusk. At 6 p.m. on 16 October, eight trucks carrying billeting equipment left the installation and went to the Weissenfels freight station. At 10:30 a.m. on 18 October, eight trucks

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each occupied by about 20 soldiers entered the installation. At noon, a column of 9 trucks each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets; 6 trucks carrying ammunition boxes and billeting equipment; and 4 trucks each towing a 57-mm AT gun entered the installation.

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At 9 p.m., six trucks occupied by a total of 36 soldiers and each towing a 57-mm AT gun were seen driving to the installation.

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2. On 18 October, the Pionier Kaserne was occupied by an estimated 800 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets including 60 percent with tank insignia and 40 percent with artillery insignia. The quartering buildings were brightly lighted at dusk. At 4 p.m. on 16 October, an SU-85 gun was near the garage. Between 5 and 7 p.m., trucks carrying billeting equipment, gasoline barrels and straw shuttled between the freight station and the installation. Trucks

each towing a field kitchen; tank trucks

and trucks were identified. At

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6 p.m., 18 T-34/85 tanks entered the installation. At 7 p.m., about 200 soldiers were lined up in front of the guard house and were addressed by an officer. At 10:30 a.m. on 18 October, about 50 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia were engaged in cleaning six 37-mm AA guns in the barracks yard. Between 11 and 11:30 a.m., T-34/85 tanks shuttled between the barracks installation and Selau. Billeting equipment was unloaded from 10 trucks in the barracks yard. At 5:30 p.m., three SU-85 guns 15 trucks each occupied by about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia and including two towing field kitchens; 1 ambulance; and 1 radio truck entered the installation.

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Comment. The report indicates that the units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Weissenfels returned to their post on 18 October.

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